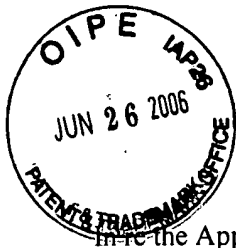


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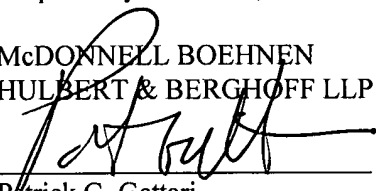
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In regard to the above identified application:

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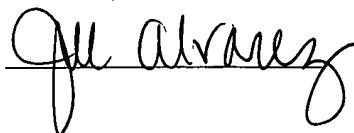
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Examiner Mohamed faxed the Applicant's undersigned representative a proposed Examiner's Amendment on June 14, 2006. Applicants' representative spoke to Examiner Mohamed on June 16 and told the Examiner that the Applicant would need the client's authorization to approve the Examiner's Amendment. Applicant's representative spoke to the Examiner on June 20, 2006 and approved the Amendment.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration of this application.

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